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SIR:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 17, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for one (1) month to February 17, 2004 for filing a reply to the Office Action dated October 17, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

This Paper includes:

Amendments to the claims, Remarks, Copy of English Translation of Specification, including Copy of Transmittal (refiling, since originals were lost at the USPTO).